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SUBJ: PCN VIEWS ON CURRENT MOZAMBIQUE SITUATION

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1. VASCO CAMPIRA MOMBOYA, DEPUTY SECRETARY GENERAL OF PCN, CALLED ON ME SEPTEMBER 3 TO CONVEY VIEWS OF PCN LEADERSHIP ON CURRENT SITUATION IN MOZAMBIQUE. HE CLAIMS HE AND PEDRO MONDLANE OF MUNIREMO PRESENTED SAME VIEWS TO GENERAL SPINOLA AND COSTA GOMES DURING RECENT TRIP TO LISBON. VIEWS ARE SUMMARIZED BELOW:

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(A) FRELIMO LEADERSHIP IS DRAWN SOLELY FROM SOUTHERN MOZAMBIQUE AND THEREFORE DOES NOT REPRESENT MOZAMBIQUE PEOPLE.

(B) SAMORA MACHEL USED ILLEGITIMATE MEANS TO GAIN LEADERSHIP OF FRELIMO; URIA SIMANGO SHOULD RIGHTFULLY BE PRESIDENT OF FRELIMO;

(C) FRELIMO HAS STRONG POLITICAL AND FINANCIAL COMMITMENTS TO COMMUNIST CHINA AND SOVIET UNION AND WILL IMPOSE HEAVY BURDEN ON MOZAMBIQUE TO REPAY DEBT;

(D) FRELIMO PLANS INCORPORATE MOZAMBIQUE IN FEDERATION INCLUDING ZAMBIA AND TANZANIA, THUS NEGATING ASPIRATIONS OF MOZAMBIKAN PEOPLE FOR TRUE INDEPENDENCE;

(E) PCN IS AWARE THAT GOP HAS AGREED TO GIVE FRELIMO SIX POSITIONS IN TRANSITIONAL MOZAMBIQUE GOVERNMENT AND PERMIT FRELIMO TO SELECT INDIVIDUALS FOR THREE ADDITIONAL POSITIONS. PCN WANTS NEUTRAL GOP HIGH COMMISSIONER (AND THUS IS PLEASED MAJ. MELO ANTUNES NO LONGER BEING CONSIDERED FOR POSITION) TO ENSURE PCN AND OTHER NON-FRELIMO PARTIES WILL BE GIVEN OPPORTUNITY TO ORGANIZE AND COMPETE DEMOCRATICALLY AGAINST FRELIMO FOR POSITIONS OF GOVERNMENT OF INDEPENDENT MOZAMBIQUE. OTHERWISE, ANTI-FRELIMO FORCES IN RHODESIA AND MALAWI AND PCN FORCES INSIDE MOZAMBIQUE WILL PLUNGE COUNTRY INTO CIVIL WAR.

2. MOMBOYA SAID SPINOLA AND COSTA GOMES ARE BOTH CONCERNED AT DANGER OF CIVIL WAR IN MOZAMBIQUE AND HAVE INSTRUCTED GOP DELEGATION TO KEEP THIS IN MIND IN FORTHCOMING NEGOTIATIONS WITH FRELIMO.

3. I ASKED MOMBOYA ABOUT PLANS FOR AN "APRIL 25" AS ANNOUNCED BY JOANA SIMIAO (REF B). HE SAID MATTER BEING STUDIED BY SPECIAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF PCN AND HE HAD NO DETAILS.

4. COMMENT: MOMBOYA GAVE IMPRESSION PRIMARY CONCERN OF PCN AT MOMENT IS TO ENSURE PARTY'S SURVIVAL AND SAFETY OF ITS LEA-

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DERSHIP (MOMBOYA MENTIONED SPECIFICALLY RECENT BEATING OF GWENJERE) AFTER FRELIMO-DOMINATED TRANSITIONAL MOZAMBIQUE GOVERNMENT ASSUMES POWER, WITH PCN GOING UNDERGROUND OR USING FORCE ONLY AS LAST RESORT. IN VIEW ABUNDANCE OF SCATHING VERBAL ATTACKS AGAINST PCN LEADERS IN MOZAMBIQUE PRESS RECENTLY, CONCERN APPEARS WELL-FOUNDED.
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